

Property Address 6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Prince George's County  
Owner Name/Address Trustees of Bells Methodist Church, 6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20746  
Year Built 1909-1910, 1954, 1960

**National Register Boundary Description:**

The National Register Boundary for Old Bells Methodist Church corresponds to the boundaries defined for Prince George's County Tax Map Page 98, Parcel 113. This parcel is bounded on the north by Allentown Road, on the east and south by Andrews Air Force Base, and on the west by an adjacent tax parcel. The boundary encompasses 3.47 hectares (8.57 acres). The cemetery, the 1909 chapel, the 1954 sanctuary, the circa 1960 education building and the circa 1960 parsonage are contributing resources, as they represent the evolution of the property throughout the twentieth century. The sites of the circa 1850 chapel and the circa 1870 chapel are also within the boundry. The boundary includes the land purchased by the church for the first chapel in 1850 and for the current chapel in 1909.

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**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended  
Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

[Signature] 10/21/99  
Reviewer, NR program Date

Preparer:

*P.A.C. Spero & Company*

September 1996/revised November 1998

Property Address <u>6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Trustees of Bells Methodist Church, 6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20746</u>
Year Built <u>1909-1910, 1954, 1960</u>

**Description:**

Old Bells Methodist Church was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1973 and by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1985 and 1987. Since the time of the previous survey, the property is unaltered. However, previous surveys did not include descriptions of the 1954 sanctuary, the circa 1960 parsonage and the circa 1960 education building.

The 1954 sanctuary is located southwest of the 1909 chapel. The 3-bay, 1-story sanctuary building has a raised basement, a concrete foundation and brick exterior walls. The front-gable roof has no cornice and is covered in slate shingles. The side elevations of the sanctuary have paired casement windows with steel frames and stone surrounds. Brick buttresses with stone caps are located between the windows. The main entry is located in the projecting, front-gable narthex on the front, or north elevation of the sanctuary. The double batten doors have a Gothic-arch stone surround. Small windows are located on each side of the entrance. Above the entrance, the steeple has a brick base with an inset stone panel and a metal spire.

A circa 1960 education building is attached to the south end of the sanctuary. The 2-story, 3-bay education building is constructed of brick with a flat roof. The steel-frame windows have awning sashes and stone surrounds. The education building has entrances on the east, south and west elevations.

South of the education building is the circa 1960 parsonage. The brick parsonage has a split-level design with a 2-story, 3-bay main block on the west and a 1-story, 2-bay wing on the east. The main block has a side-gable roof and 1/1 double-hung windows with louvered shutters. The east wing has a side-gable roof with a chimney in the east gable end. A bay-window is located in the east bay of the front, or north elevation, while an entry is located in the west bay. A detached 3-bay brick garage is located southeast of the parsonage.

**Significance:**

The history of Bells Methodist Church parallels the development of Methodism in the United States. In 1784, the Methodist-Episcopal Church of the United States was organized by Francis Asbury. The early church consisted of "circuits" of private homes where travelling preachers stopped to speak. Early preachers were challenged to establish twelve new preaching places per year. These preaching places came to be called "classes," which elected a leader to direct meetings between visits by the preacher. Many classes later became congregations. The Prince George's County circuit was organized in 1793. Beginning in 1805, James Beall led a Methodist class in Camp Springs. The class had constructed a small building and was known as "Bells Chapel" by 1813, when Bishop Francis Asbury paid a visit (Readmond et al. 1980, 1-2).

The first Bells Church was located near the Tolson's Grove Camp Meeting Ground. Camp meetings are a tradition unique to Methodism. They emerged in the early-nineteenth century as a way for large groups to hear a travelling preacher. Camp meetings were often an annual event which lasted several days. While early camp meetings had no permanent structures, some eventually included chapels, dining halls and cabins for worshippers (Lanier and Herman 1997, 174-175). Bells Church hosted camp meetings at Tolson's Grove several times during the early-nineteenth century. The camp ground had fallen out of use by the twentieth century. The location of Tolson's Grove is unknown today (Readmond et al 1980, 2).

In 1850, Bells Church acquired a parcel of land on the north end of its current site and constructed a log chapel (Ibid, 5).

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Maryland experienced a major conflict on the eve of the Civil War. In 1860, the General Conference in Buffalo, New York passed a resolution disallowing slave ownership. This resolution was problematic to churches in border states such as Maryland, and in 1861, the Baltimore Conference voted to sever all ties with the General Conference. Most churches in Maryland circuits chose to join circuits of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was headquartered in Virginia. Bells Church, however, chose to remain part of the northern Church, a decision which led to fluctuations in membership and general instability during the 1860s and 1870s (Ibid, 5-7).

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**Significance:** (continued)

In 1870, the log chapel which had been constructed circa 1850 burned. A frame chapel was built in its place. The congregation had outgrown that chapel by the early-twentieth century, and in 1909, the trustees of the church purchased a parcel of land closer to Allentown road. The present wood-frame church was constructed on the new parcel in 1910 and enlarged in 1937 (Readmond et al. 1980, 7-8). The older chapel was auctioned and moved to a site on the corner of Allentown Road and Temple Hill Road. That building has since been demolished (Conversation with Clergy at Bell's Church, 10/20/98).

Camp Springs was historically a rural agricultural community. Hopkins' 1878 *Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington Including the County of Prince George, Maryland* shows the Methodist Church, a schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop and the Camp Springs Post Office. As the only white Protestant church in the area, Bells Church was a gathering place and a center of community life as well as a religious institution. Despite suburbanization around Washington D.C., Camp Springs remained rural until the 1940s. The opening of Andrews Air Force Base in 1942, however, led to unprecedented growth in the area. Because the base did not originally provide housing for military families, many new suburbs were constructed. Church membership therefore increased rapidly (Conversation with Clergy at Bells Church, 10/20/98). Between 1955 and 1966, membership in Bells Church increased from 621 to 1,542. The 1954 sanctuary, the education building and the parsonage were the result of this growth (Readmond 1980, 11-12). In 1966, the Methodist Church made the controversial decision to appoint an African-American pastor, Rev. Harold Green Johnson, to the white congregation at Bells Church. Threats from the Ku Klux Klan followed, and many members left the church. Although the number of members has continued to fall, the church has remained interracial since that time (Readmond 1980, 13; Conversation with Clergy at Bells Church, 10/20/98).

The chapel now known as Old Bells Methodist Church was constructed in 1909 and remains on the site with the modern church complex. The chapel is a good example of early-twentieth century rural church architecture, and resembles some churches found in architectural pattern books of that period. However, extensive research conducted by members of the Bells Church congregation has not revealed any evidence that the chapel was built from a mass-produced pattern or kit.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Old Bells Methodist Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property meets Criteria Consideration A as a religious property which derives its significance from its architecture and from its association with developments in the history of the Methodist denomination. The property is eligible under Criterion A for its association with developments in Methodism, including camp meetings, circuit parishes and religious conflicts during the Civil War. The development of the church property also parallels the transition of the Camp Springs area from a rural agricultural community to a major suburb following the construction of Andrews Air Force Base in 1942. The Bells Church congregation has been part of the Camp Springs community since it was founded in 1805. The south end of the current site has been used continuously by the congregation since 1850. The north end of the site has been in continuous use since 1909. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is eligible under Criterion C as a good example of a rural church. The church retains its simple form and details such as a bell tower, Gothic-arch windows and stained glass. The church retains its integrity of location, design, workmanship and association. The cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D since historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design. In addition, the site has no association with historic events or broad patterns of history and has no potential to yield important information.

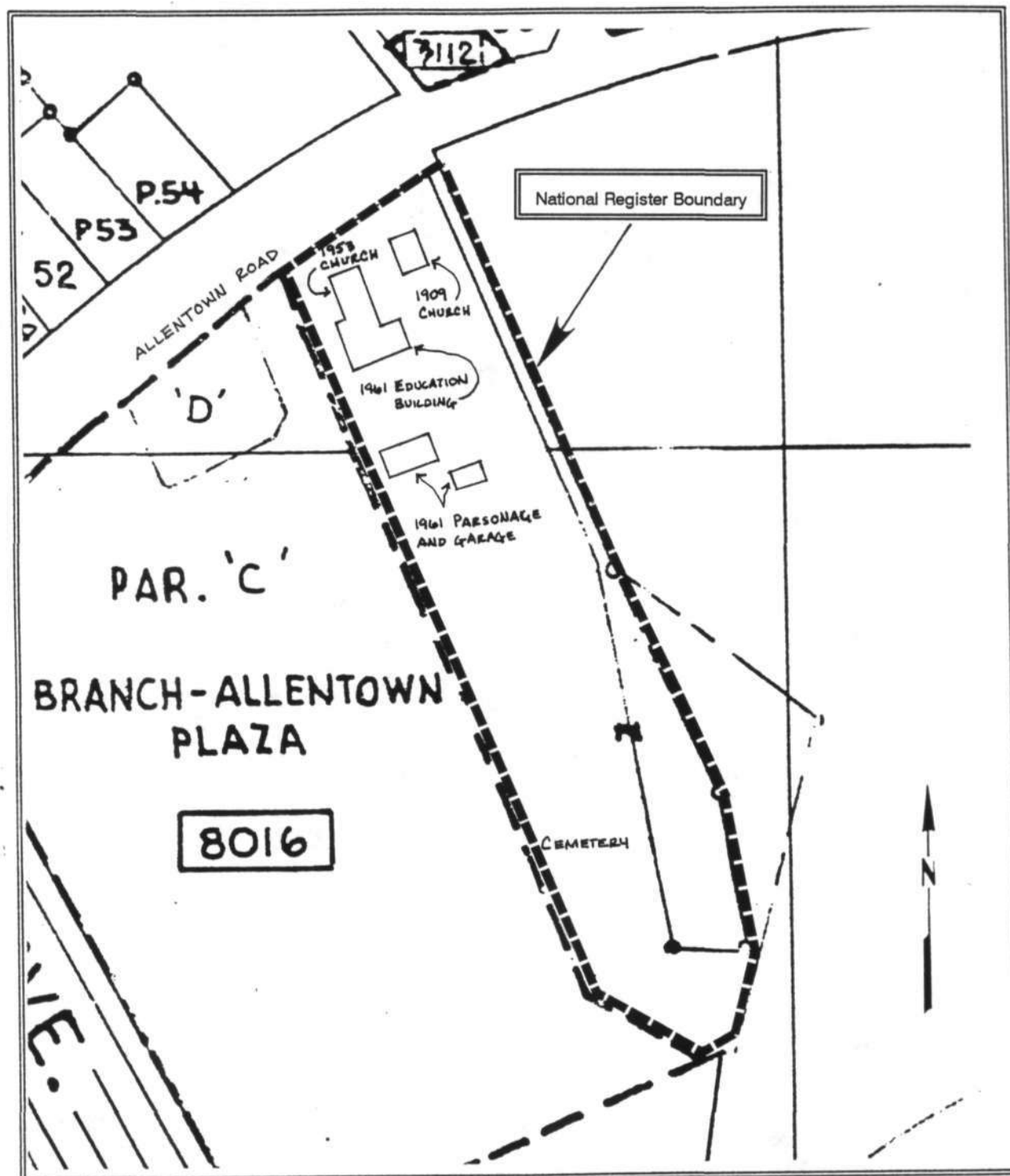
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:





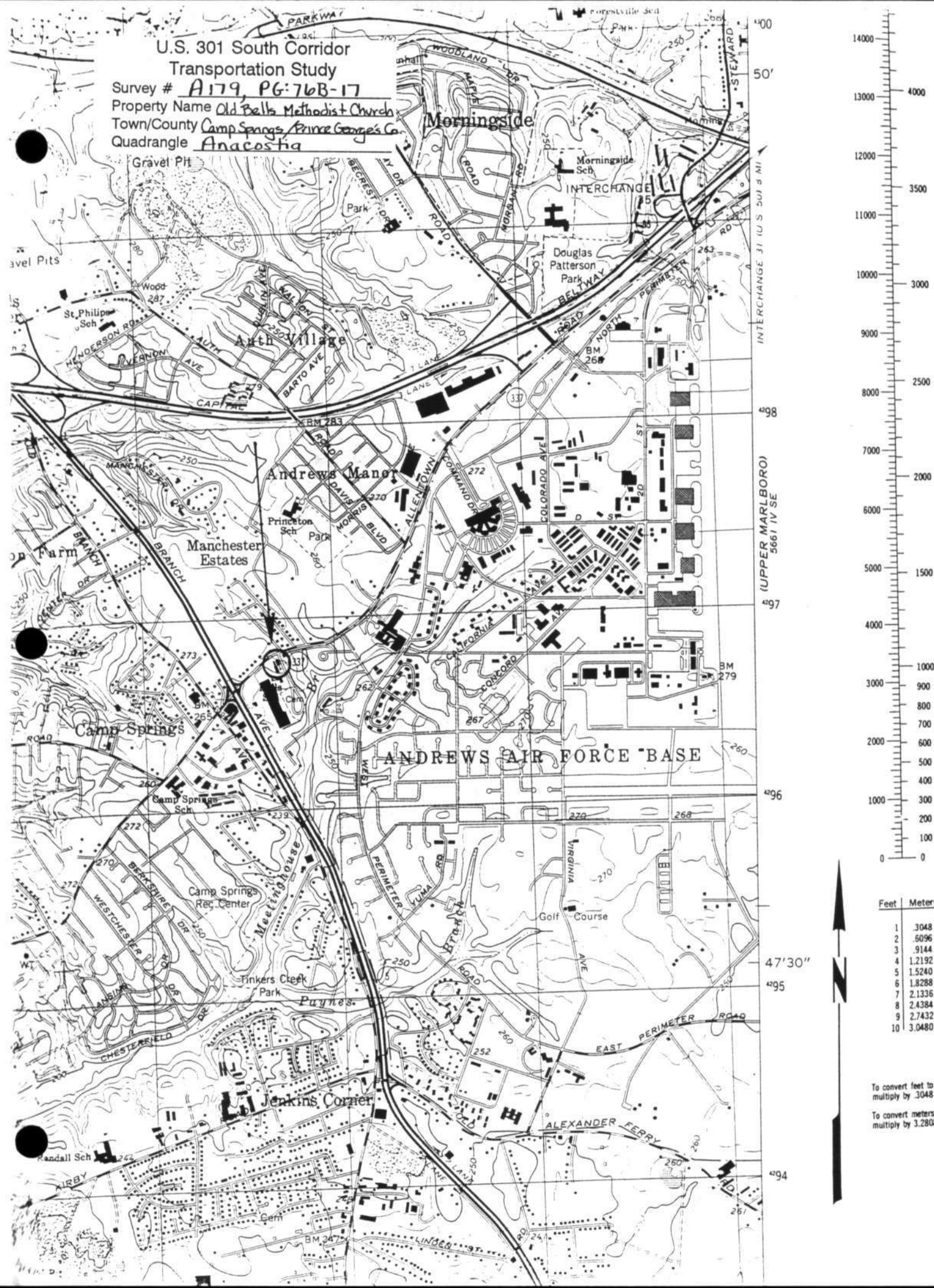
# U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

Survey # A179, PG-76B-17

Property Name Old Bells Methodist Church

Town/County Camp Springs, Prince George's Co.

Quadrangle Anacostia



Feet	Meters
1	.3048
2	.6096
3	.9144
4	1.2192
5	1.5240
6	1.8288
7	2.1336
8	2.4384
9	2.7432
10	3.0480

To convert feet to meters  
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet  
multiply by 3.2808



1. PG: 76B-17

2. OLD BELLS METHODIST CHURCH, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Sperry & Co

40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

BALTIMORE, MD 21204

5. 6016 Allentown Road North elevation South  
View

6 1 of 12





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3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spuo & Co.  
40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412  
BALTIMORE, MD 21204
5. 6016 Allentown Road South and east elevations  
Northwest view
6. 2 of 12



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2. Old Bells Methodist Church  
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD
3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero + Co. 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,  
#412, Balto. md 21204
5. 6016 Allentown Road West elevation
6. 30f 12 Southeast view



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PRINCE GEORGES CO, MD

3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96

4. P.A.C, Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,  
#412, Balto, md 21204

5. 6016 Allentown Road East elevation  
North west direction

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1. PG: 76B-17
2. Old Bell's Methodist Church  
PRINCE GEORGES CO, MD
3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake  
Ave, #412, Balto, md 21204
5. 6016 Allentown Road Cemetery  
Northwest view
6. 50F 12



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PRINCE GEORGES CO, MD

3. CAROLINE HALL, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
# 412, Balto, MD 21204

5. 6016 Allentown Road South elevation  
of Church North View

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2. OLD BELL'S METHODIST CHURCH

3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD

4. JULIE DARSIE

5. 10/98

6. MD SHPO

7. 1953 CHURCH AND 1960 EDUCATION BUILDING, NW CORNER

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1. PG: 76B-17
2. OLD BELLS METHODIST CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD
4. JUHE PARSIE
5. 10/98
6. MD SHPO
7. 1953 CHURCH AND 1960 EDUCATION BUILDING, SW CORNER
8. 8 OF 12



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2. OLD BELLS METHODIST CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD
4. JULIE DARSIE
5. 10/98
6. MD SHPO
7. 1953 CHURCH AND 1960 EDUCATION BUILDING, SE CORNER
8. 9 OF 12





1. PG: 76B-17
2. OLD BELLS METHODIST CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD
4. JUNE DARSIE
5. 10/98
6. MD SHPO
7. 1953 CHURCH AND 1960 EDUCATION BUILDING, NE CORNER
8. 10 OF 12



1. PG: 76B-17
2. OLD BELL'S METHODIST CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD
4. JULIE DARSIE
5. 10/98
6. MD SHPO
7. 1961 PARSONAGE, VIEW SE
8. 11 OF 12



1. PG: 76B-17
2. OLD BELLS METHODIST CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD
4. JULIE DARSIE
5. 10/98
6. MD SHPO
7. 1961 PARSONAGE, VIEW NW
8. 12 OF 12

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET  
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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**National Register Evaluation:**

The Old Bells Methodist Church is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of rural church architecture, which is undistinguished by any stylistic features or details. The cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D, as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design. In addition, the site has no association with historic events or broad patterns of history and has no potential to yield important information. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MHT COMMENTS: MHT believes this property is eligible under Criterion C as a good example of rural church architecture, but more importantly, the property appears to have potential historical significance (Criterion A)--topics which should be explored include the development of Methodism during this period, the role of the church in the rural community, and whether this building may be a "stock" plan provided by the Methodist organization. Site plan does not show the newly identified ca. 1950 house and there are no photos of the 50s buildings.

**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

*B. Kuntz*  
Reviewer, NR program

7/21/97  
Date

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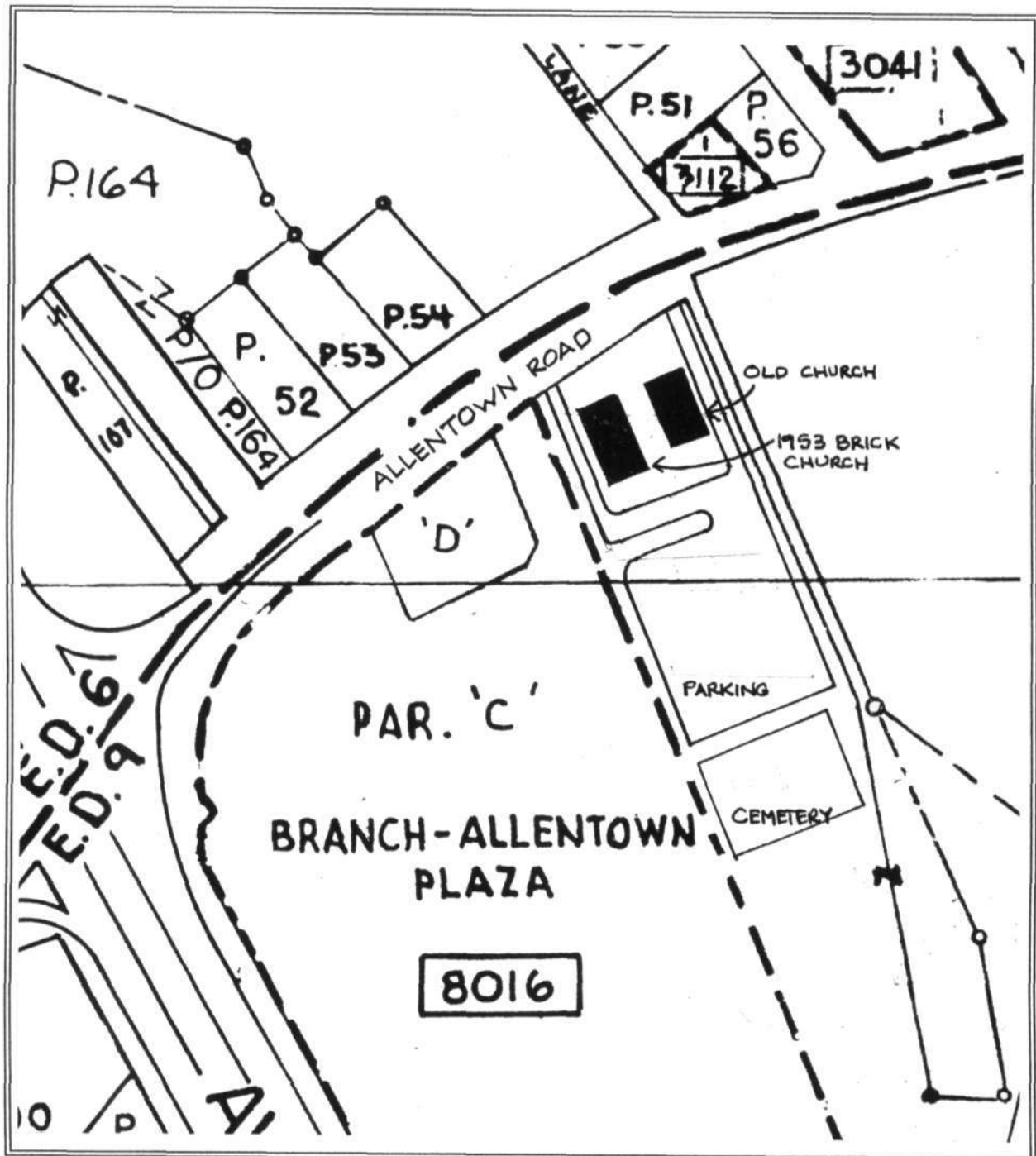
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Resource Sketch Map:







PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76B-17 (formerly Building Date: 1910  
Old 76A-9)  
Building Name: Bells Methodist Church  
Location: 6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Maryland

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Bells Methodist Church is a large frame gable-roofed church building, typical of this early twentieth century type. Entrance is through panelled double doors centrally located in the north gable end. Above the doors is a gothic-arched transom filled with stained glass; and above this a small round stained glass window. On each side of the central doors is a gothic-arched stained glass window. Built into the northwest corner is a tall bell tower, with pointed-arched openings on all four faces. The sides of the church are four bays long; all windows are gothic-arched, double sash, filled with stained glass. The interior features a decorative molded tin ceiling and wainscoting. The building is covered with white asbestos shingle, foundations are of poured concrete. South of the church, is a cemetery with headstones as early as from the mid-nineteenth century.

Significance:

Bells Methodist Church is a good example of the plain Gothic Revival church style which was popular in Prince George's County early in this century. It is the third building constructed on this site since the church was founded in 1850. In August of that year, five trustees of the Methodist Church (including James Beall, for whom the first church was named) purchased an acre of land near Camp Springs; a small log church was constructed on this land. This log chapel burned in the 1870's, and a second frame chapel was built on its site. In 1909, an adjoining piece of land, extending the property to the county road, and in the following year the third church (known as the "White Church") was built. The "White Church" was used until 1954 when the fourth church was constructed.

Acreage: 4.58 acres

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. P.G.#76B-17  
(formerly 76A-9)  
Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Bells Methodist Church

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 6016 Allentown Road (Maryland Route 337) ☐ not for publication

city, town Camp Springs ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Prince George's

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Bells Methodist Church

street & number 6016 Allentown Road telephone no.: 899-7521

city, town Camp Springs state and zip code Maryland 20746

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. County Courthouse liber #48

street & number Main Street folio 451

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title P. G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland



## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#76B-17

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bells Methodist Church is a three bay by four bay (ca. 36 x 50) frame gable-roof church building, typical of this early twentieth century meeting house type. Entrance is through double doors centrally located in the north gable end; each leaf has five molded panels. Two lateral flights of steps ascend to a central concrete stoop; this entrance, defined by a metal railing, replaces the original central flight of steps to the double doors. Above the doors, a horizontal molded panel with a course of cyma reversa molding separates the doors from the gothic-arch transom; the transom is filled with decorative stained glass. On each side of the central doors is a gothic-arched stained glass window. Built into the northwest corner is a tall bell tower, with pointed-arched openings on all four faces. The tower is surmounted by a tall, steeply pitched pyramidal roof covered with black synthetic shingle.

The sides of the church are four bays long; all windows are gothic-arched, double sash, filled with stained glass. (The windows are currently in the process of being restored and releaded.) The original siding is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the roof with gray synthetic shingle. The poured concrete foundation encloses a full basement. Set into the northeast corner of the foundation is a cornerstone which reads: "Bell's Methodist Episcopal Church 1909." Extending south from the south gable end is a lower two-bay gable-roof addition which encloses the original sanctuary. It has an entrance in the second bay of its east facade. This gable roof addition is lighted by gothic-arched double hung sash windows filled with frosted glass, and has entrance in the second bay of the east facade.

A one-story two-bay concrete block bathroom addition was constructed in 1936. It is lighted by modern two-pane sliding windows.

The interior of the main block is a single room, now devoted to use as a thrift shop. The surrounds of doors and windows are multi-band moldings with bulls-eye corner blocks. The walls are covered with wainscoting below the chair rail. The three-plane coved ceiling is covered with a decorative pressed metal ceiling: rows of square plaques with a floral border, all painted white.

South of the church, on the property where the first church building stood, is a cemetery with headstones from as early as the mid-nineteenth century. Directly west of the old church is the new (1953) church; it is a five bay front-gabled brick building, buttressed between bays, and with slate covered gable roof. Attached to the rear (south) of the church is a (1961) brick office/educational wing.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#76B-17

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1909-1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bells Methodist Church is a good example of the modest Gothic Revival church style which was popular in Prince George's County early in this century. It is the third building constructed on this site since a meeting house was built here in 1850.

Even earlier than the first recorded church building on this site, a group of Methodists was meeting in this area under the leadership of James Beall. Be(a)lls Chapel was referred to by Bishop Frances Asbury during his travels through Maryland in 1813, and, at the time of James Beall's death in 1859, his obituary recorded his long life of activity with this congregation. "He was, it is said, the founder of the M.E. Church known as Beall's Meeting House, and was 56 years a member, and 54 years an active class leader at that station."<sup>1</sup> "Bells Meeting House" is described in the 1828 road survey of Prince George's County, on Road #5 in Election District #6; this description places it very close to its present location.<sup>2</sup>

In August of 1850, five trustees of the Methodist Church (including James Beall) purchased an acre of land, part of the tract known as Manchester, from Henry and Mary Tolson.<sup>3</sup> On this land a small log chapel was constructed. This chapel burned down in the 1870's, and a second frame chapel was built on the same parcel of land. In 1909 an adjoining piece of land (extending to the county road) was purchased, and, in the following year, the subject chapel (known as the "White Church") was built on this land. (The second chapel was sold and moved to Padgetts Corner in 1911 to serve as a store building.) Bells Church was on the Bladensburg Circuit until 1862 and part of the Forestville Charge until 1911. At that time Bells Church joined Oxon Hill and composed the Camp Springs Charge.

An addition was built onto the "White Church" in 1936; this building was used until 1954 when the fourth (brick) church was completed.<sup>4</sup>

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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Although the "White Church" has not been used as a sanctuary since this time, it still serves a distinct purpose for the Bells United Methodist Church congregation. The pews have been removed, and the interior is now set up as a Thrift Shop. The full basement, in addition to its use as a storage area, is presently in use as a workshop for the painstaking restoration of the stained glass windows.

Old Bells Church has long associations with the early spread of Methodism in Prince George's County and is an important part of the cultural heritage of the County. The 1910 church building exhibits distinctive characteristics of early twentieth century Gothic Revival "meeting house" churches, and is a prominent landmark in the fast developing Camp Springs area.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> planters' Advocate, 18 May 1859; "The Beginnings of Bells United Methodist Church, Camp Springs, Maryland, 1805-1980".

<sup>2</sup> 1828 Road Survey, Prince George's County Levy Court Records, 1828.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deed, JBB#6:578

<sup>4</sup> Prince George's County Deed, #48:451; "The Beginnings of Bells United Methodist Church".

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.P.G.#76B-17

See notes, item #8

(formerly #76A-9)

See chain of title

Interview with minister and member of congregation, February 1985

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.58 acres

Tax map #98, parcel 113

Quadrangle name Anacostia quadrangle, Section F

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearlorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate February 1985 and May 1987street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Maryland

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. # 76B-17 Building Date: 1910  
Building Name: Bells Methodist Church  
Location: 6016 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Maryland

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Bells Methodist Church is a large frame gable-roofed church building, typical of this early twentieth century type. Entrance is through panelled double doors centrally located in the north gable end. Above the doors is a gothic-arched transom filled with stained glass; and above this a small round stained glass window. On each side of the central doors is a gothic-arched stained glass window. Built into the northwest corner is a tall bell tower, with pointed-arched openings on all four faces. The sides of the church are four bays long; all windows are gothic-arched, double sash, filled with stained glass. The interior features a decorative molded tin ceiling and wainscoting. The building is covered with white asbestos shingle, foundations are of poured concrete. South of the church, is a cemetery with headstones as early as from the mid-nineteenth century.

Significance:

Bells Methodist Church is a good example of the plain Gothic Revival church style which was popular in Prince George's County early in this century. It is the third building constructed on this site since the church was founded in 1850. In August of that year, five trustees of the Methodist Church (including James Beall, for whom the first church was named) purchased an acre of land near Camp Springs; a small log church was constructed on this land. This log chapel burned in the 1870's, and a second frame chapel was built on its site. In 1909, an adjoining piece of land, extending the property to the county road, and in the following year the third church (known as the "White Church") was built. The "White Church" was used until 1954 when the fourth church was constructed.

Acreage: 4.58 acres



Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bells Methodist Church

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 6016 Allentown Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Camp Springs ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Prince George's

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Bells Methodist Church

street &amp; number 6016 Allentown Road telephone no.: 899-7521

city, town Camp Springs state and zip code Maryland 20331

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. County Courthouse liber #48

street &amp; number Main Street folio 451

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P. G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. PG 76B-17

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bells Methodist Church is a large (ca. 36 x 50) frame gable-roofed church building, typical of this early twentieth century type. Entrance is through panelled double doors centrally located in the north gable end. (Two lateral flights of steps ascend to a concrete porch to form the entrance, replacing the original single direct flight). Above the doors is a gothic-arched transom filled with stained glass; and above this a small round stained glass window. On each side of the central doors is a gothic-arched stained glass window. Built into the northwest corner is a tall bell tower, with pointed-arched openings on all four faces.

The sides of the church are four bays long; all windows are gothic-arched, double sash, filled with stained glass. (The windows are currently in the process of being restored and releaded.) The building is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the roof with synthetic shingles. There is a full basement, with foundations of poured concrete. There are two small additions on the south gable ends.

The interior of the main block is a single room, now devoted to use as a thrift shop. The surrounds of doors and windows are multi-band moldings with bulls-eye corner blocks. The walls are covered with wainscoting below the chair rail. The three-plane ceiling is covered with a decorative molded tin ceiling: rows of square plaques with a floral border.

South of the church, on the property where the first church stood, is a cemetery with headstones from as early as the mid-nineteenth century.

## 8. Significance

Survey No.

P.G. 76B-17

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1910 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Although the "White Church" has not been used as a sanctuary since this time, it still serves a distinct purpose for the Bells United Methodist Church congregation. The pews have been removed, and the interior is now set up as a Thrift Shop. The full basement, in addition to its use as a storage area, is presently in use as a workshop for the painstaking restoration of the stained glass windows.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Deed, JBB#6:578

<sup>2</sup> "The Beginnings of Bells United Methodist Church"

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deed, #48:451

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG 76B-17

See notes, item #8

See chain of title

Interview with minister and member of congregation, February 1985

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

PG: 76B-17

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bells United Methodist Church				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6016 Allentown Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Bells United Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6016 Allentown Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☒ Fair    ☐ Deteriorated    ☐ Ruins    ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)  
☒ Altered    ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)  
☐ Moved    ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a frame structure with a three bay, gable end main (north) facade. The openings, windows flanking a doorway, have pointed-arched heads. The windows are glazed with stained glass; the door is square-headed with a pointed-arched tympanum, glazed with stained glass. The sidewalls have four pointed-arched windows. At the northwest corner is a square bell tower, with pointed-arched openings on all four faces.

South of the church is a cemetery with headstones dating to the early to mid-nineteenth century.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One)

☐ Pre-Colonial  
☐ 15th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communication☐ Construction

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1909 (date on cornerstone); cemetery earlier

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

## Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

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☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

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☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC	DATE 10 Dec 73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**BELLS METHODIST CHURCH**  
6016 Allentown Road, S.E.  
Washington, D.C.

## BELLS METHODIST CHURCH

RALPH W. WOTT, MINISTER

In 1814, Asbury writes that "I preached at Bells Chapel." This may mark the beginning of Methodism in this area. However, in the year 1849, the religious interests of the community quickened and a Methodist Society was formed. The present sanctuary is the fourth built on the same grounds. Bells began as a small rural church; Bells is now in the midst of suburbia, serving people from many avenues of life.

## THE ARLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

ERROL G. SMITH, MINISTER

The church known as the Arlington Methodist Church, at 5268 Reisterstown Road, was formed by a merger of three Methodist churches in the Reisterstown Road and Park Heights Avenue area.

The first service for the Arlington Methodist Episcopal Church South was held Sunday, October 10, 1869.

The Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated December 16, 1906.

The McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated February 28, 1903. The merger was consummated on May 20, 1944.



**THE ARLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
5268 Reisterstown Road  
Baltimore, Md.

Chain of Title

Old Bells Methodist Church  
P.G. #76B-17  
(formerly 76A-9)

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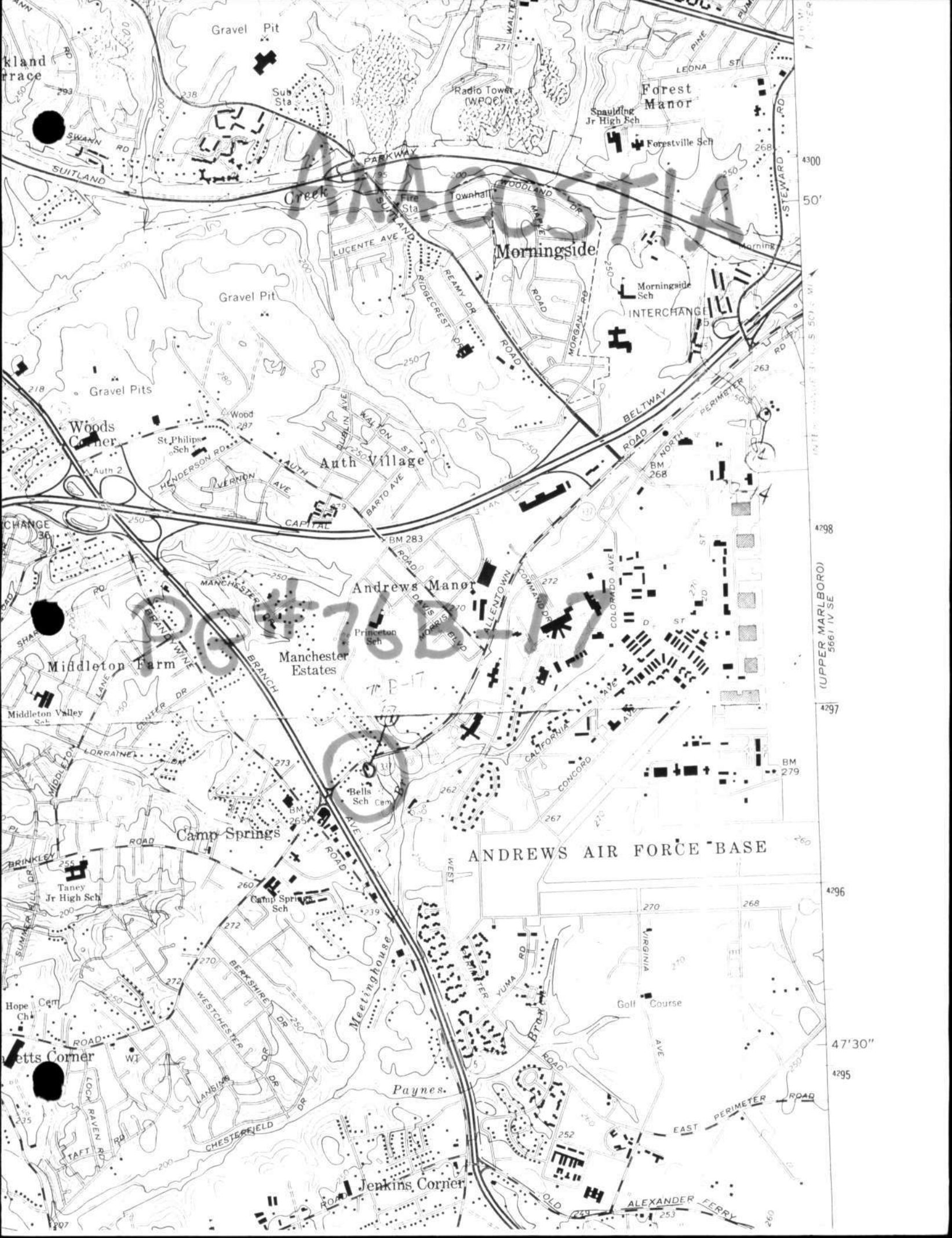
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BELL'S  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1909

NAME BELLS U.M./M.E. CHURCH - CORNERSTONE P6:76B-17

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NAME PYLES TOMBSTONES - BELL'S U.M. CHURCH CEMETERY

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In  
Memory  
of Martha Jane  
daughter of Nathl  
& Mary Ann Ward  
who by a mysterious  
providence was side  
by Edmund

NAME MARDEN TOMBSTONE - BELL'S U.M. CHURCH CEMETERY

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Bells Methodist Church  
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

January 1985

Northwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Bells Methodist Church  
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North elevation

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East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.